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A TOUCHING CONFESSION.

We find in the *Marco* (Ill.) News of the 25th of September an account of the resignation of Elder J. V. Beekman as pastor of the Christian Church of that village. For some time past the Rev. gentleman's habits have been such as to cause great grief to his friends and bring reproach upon the church. At the close of the sermon, which was preached by a neighboring pastor, Elder Beekman made the following address, which we give as a warning to all men, both young and old, to avoid the sin and shame which have come upon this man:

"As a man, I have the highest conception as to what the life and character of a minister of the Gospel should be. I know that he should lead a consistent and an upright life, that he can be looked to by the community as an example of purity and righteousness. Knowing that my life has not been such in all respects, I desire to tender to this church, for which I have labored so long, my resignation."

"You are aware that I refer to my sin of intemperance. This may be my last opportunity of addressing you, and I want to ask you that you will not charge this great shame to the religion of Christ. It teaches better things. Charge it all to my own depravity and sinful nature. To you who have not this habit, it is strange that I should thus yield to temptation. I well remember the time when I thought it strange that others drank and ruined themselves with alcohol. I am glad that there are so many young men here this morning, that I may lift my voice in warning, and beg them to profit by my example. You think now that you are strong, and in no danger. I well remember the time when I believed the same. Twelve years ago, when I reached forth my inexperienced hand and took the intoxicating cup, I thought I was strong; but I developed a habit that now holds me in chains, and in the most awful slavery that humanity was ever subjected to. It holds me in its embrace when I seek my bed for repose; it disturbs my dreams during the weary hours of night, and seizes me as its prey when I rise up in the morning to enter upon the duties of the day."

"Profits! profit by my example; see what it has done for me. There was a time when I stood as fair as any minister of the church in Illinois; there was a time when I had as bright prospects and as cheering hopes for the future as any of my class-mates. But now they are all gone because of intemperance. Of that I could bring the whole world to hear my warning voice. Young ladies; you can do much to remove this curse from the world by not countenancing its use among your companions."

"Brethren, I leave my heart with you as your pastor with a sad heart. It would be sad under the most favorable circumstances, but much more so as it is. But I shall remain with you in the church, and labor in the community for a livelihood; I will come to your social meetings and work with you in the Sunday school and will do all I can to atone for the great sin I have committed."

"God knows I do not wish to injure His cause. Pray for me that I may yet overcome this besetting sin. I trust that I shall be able to conquer. But, should I go down under the withering influence, I ask that you remember me kindly. Whenever you meet me, and under what circumstances, remember there was a time when you were proud of me. But treat me as you may, at towards me as you choose, I beg that you will remember my wife kindly. Do not give her pain and sorrow because of my wrong doing. Poor woman, she has always suffered enough. I married her a sweet and innocent girl. She has been a patient and faithful wife. Again I ask that you will kindly remember my wife and children."

A DISTRESSING BLUNDER.—One afternoon Julia and I were in our accustomed spot—the corner of a sofa—with our arms kind of gracefully twined around each other, and now and then a kiss being exchanged—everything lovely and delicious as peaches and cream—when a step was heard in the hall. "Here comes ma!" exclaimed Julia, and she hurriedly exchanged her seat for a chair in the middle of the room, while I straightened myself up as the door opened, and in walked her majesty, Mrs. Percival X. De Smith. Julia introduced us, and Mrs. D. S. took her seat on the sofa, but not quite so close to me as her daughter usually sat. I had heard that Julia's mother was quite deaf, so, raising my voice to a high key, I made an original remark about the weather—then in an ordinary tone remarked to Julia that "I liked the old lady's appearance, and thought she would be managed if handled in the right manner"—then in a loud voice said something nice to madam, which she replied to; then to Julia remarked that "I hoped her mother wouldn't think I came to see her, and so remain long in the parlor; that I was sorry her rheumatism was better, and hoped she would soon have another attack, just enough to keep her in her own room." And so I rattled away for ten or fifteen minutes. I noticed the old lady's face got very red, and I supposed it was a sign of her complaint that she felt. While Julia's face was twitching with what I supposed was vexation at her mother interrupting our nice little time. Well, as I said, I had rattled away for about ten minutes, talking high and low notes alternately to Mrs. and Miss, when the old lady got up, and in a zero tone said, "Dr. Useless, you have made a mistake; it is my husband, not I, who is deaf," and with a stiff bow left the room. When I had finished it—she had heard every word I said. Poor Julia! She burst out crying; I kissed her and left the house; and Julia—she married another fellow.

FOR FRECKLES.—The Herald of Health gives the following remedy for that annoying discoloration of the skin known as freckles: "Freckles," it says, "are not easily washed out of those who have a florid complexion and are much in the sun; but the following washes are not only harmless, but very much the best of anything we know: Grate horse radish fine, let it stand a few hours in butter-milk, then strain and use the wash night and morning. Or, squeeze the juice of a lemon in a half gill of water and use the same way. Most of the remedies for freckles are poisonous, and cannot be used with safety. Freckles indicate a defective digestion, and consist in deposits of some carbonaceous or fatty matter beneath the skin. The diet should be attended to, and should be of a nature that the bowels and kidneys will do their duty. Daily bathing, with much friction, should not be neglected, and the Turkish bath taken occasionally, if convenient."

DRY GOODS.

LARGE AND CHOICE STOCK OF FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS.
October 4th, 1875.

New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets. We have just returned from the North and opening to-day a splendid assortment of goods, embracing the newest and latest styles out for fall and winter. Our Dress Goods Department is complete, and we make Black Goods a specialty. We cannot enumerate all the different lines of goods, but invite a general examination of the stock. Popular prices may be expected.

D. F. BRASHEAR,
H. B. Ho. Mes. No. 109 King street,
oct 4 Alexandria, Va.

NOTICE.

KID GLOVES. I have received this day my Fall supply of KID GLOVES, at prices as follows: Two button, at 75c \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.25 per pair.

oct 1 C. C. BERRY, 72 King st.

BLACK SILKS.

I have just received from New York a line of my superior BLACK SILKS, of every grade, some of them exceedingly rich in quality and finish; also beautiful Pin-stripe ditto. French Merinos in the new Cloth Colors; a large stock of black ditto, with Cashmeres, from 37 cts. to \$1.50.

Also, a fine stock of PLaid CAMEL'S HAIR and other goods for Ladies' Jackets and Cloaks, in the new styles, and handsomely trimmed.

sep 30 J. M. STEWART.

CARPETINGS.

I am now opening a large stock of superior BRUSSELS and INGRAIN CARPETS, HEARTH RUGS, OIL CLOTHS,

MATS, HASSUCKS, &c. These goods are handsome and cheap.

sep 30 J. M. STEWART.

LATEST STYLES OF CLOAKS.

A full line just received.

D. F. WITMER CO.

FULL CLOTHS AND KERSEYS.

A very large assortment.

The attention of wholesale dealers is called to them.

D. F. WITMER CO.

BOYS' CASSIMERES, in great variety,

cheap, just received by

sep 29 D. F. WITMER CO.

ASSEMBLY ROOMS CARPET HALL.

Our Carpet business requiring it, we have had the Assembly Rooms fitted up, and now it is our pleasure to invite our customers to look at our CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS and other goods in this line, in one of the handsomest, if not the handsomest, Carpet Hall in the State. Our stock in these, as well as in all our lines, is large and well assorted as to prices. All that we ask is a comparison.

sep 21 D. F. WITMER CO.

CARPETS, FLOOR AND TABLE OIL CLOTHS.

We have just received sample patterns of Carpets, representing the newest and best styles out for the season. We sell from these patterns, having no remnants left, at prices greatly lower than we could otherwise do.

D. F. BRASHEAR.

H. B. Ho. Mes. No. 109 King street,

sep 18 Alexandria, Va.

NEW DRY GOODS FOR EARLY FALL TRADE.

We have just returned from the North and are opening to-day a great many very cheap and reasonable goods, and invite the attention of purchasers. Country merchants will find it to their interest to call and make large bills with us, as we are prepared to offer a full stock, and at such prices as will insure heavy sales.

D. F. BRASHEAR.

H. B. Ho. Mes. No. 109 King street,

sep 13 Alexandria, Va.

OIL CLOTH AND CARPETING.

We have just received per steamer a large supply of Tapestry, Brussels, Three Ply, all grades Ingrain, Venetian, Hemp and Rag Carpeting; also all kinds of Oil Cloth for floors, stairs and tables. These goods will be sold at prices to suit.

sep 7 D. F. WITMER CO.

CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES.

We have just received a large assortment of PLAIN AND FANCY CASSIMERES, CLOTHS AND SUITINGS Foreign and Domestic.

We invite those in want of Clothing of any kind to examine our stock. We can make up suits at short notice, and guarantee a fit.

Our prices are reasonable.

sep 6 D. F. WITMER CO.

CADET CLOTH! CADET CLOTH!

PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM.

We have just received and can furnish suits of the above goods very cheap, at the shortest notice, and guarantee a good fit.

aug 28

NEW GOODS.

I have received another lot of Superior Black Grenadines, French Muslins, White Linen Lawns for dresses, Sun Umbrellas and Parasols for ladies, Gents' Superior Silk Umbrellas. Also lot of extra quality Straw Matting and Oil Cloth, and Cocoon Matting for halls.

J. M. STEWART.

PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLAS

June 28th, 1875.

Another invoice of those choice goods just received from the manufacturer.

D. F. BRASHEAR.

109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

aug 28

BARGAINS IN SUMMER AND SPRING DRESS GOODS.

We are selling Pink, Blue and other Colored Grenadines at 12 1/2 and 15c, worth 25, 37 1/2 and 50c per yard. We are also closing out our Lawns and Organdies at 12 1/2 and 20c, worth 25 and 37 1/2c per yard; also beautiful yard-wide Percales and Batiste Suitings at 12c per yard. We offer these inducements to make room for a large stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, Notions, Hosiery, &c. D. F. BRASHEAR.

H. B. Ho. Mes. No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va.

aug 13

MATTINGS.

OIL CLOTHS and TAPESTRY BRUSSELS CARPETINGS.

I have just received 4-4 White Mattings, some of Superior quality. Also Checked Table and Oil Cloth, dotted for steps. Brussels Carpet and Hall do. to match.

J. M. STEWART.

my 7

MUSICAL NOTICE.

VICTOR BECKER

Will attend, as heretofore, to the TUNING OF PIANOS and ORGANS in Alexandria and vicinity, and solicits a continuance of the patronage of his friends.

He also calls their attention to his assortment of second hand and new

Pianos, especially those of Marchal & Smith, several of which he has sold here, and which have given so much satisfaction for their merits and moderate prices.

Send orders or call at his store, No. 803 7th street, northwest, Washington, D. C., near 14th, where you will find the usual assortment of Musical Merchandise, first class Violin Strings, &c., &c.

Washington, Aug 18-75

DRESS GOODS.—We beg to call the attention of the ladies to a large and varied stock of FALL and WINTER DRESS GOODS to be opened this morning, in connection with many other seasonable goods.

D. F. BRASHEAR,

109 King street.

sep 27

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

ESTABLISHED 1792.

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.,

Nos. 5 & 7 S. Fairfax St.,

DEALERS IN PURE

Drugs, Chemicals,

GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES,

PAINTS, OILS, ACIDS,

WINDOW GLASS,

PERFUMERY, SOAPS, SPONGES,

AGRICULTURAL SALTS,

GARDEN SEEDS, FAMILY DYES, &c.

Agents for the celebrated

Averill Chemical Paints,

OF ALL SHADES, AND

N. YORK ROOFING PAINT,

Both mixed and ready for use.

Also,

PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL,

AYER'S SARSAPARILLA,

PECTORAL, &c., &c., &c.

Purchasing as we do for cash only from our old established connections in New York and Philadelphia, we are enabled to procure goods of the best quality and at the lowest rates.

We will be pleased to furnish quotations at any time.

ORDERS AND PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS receive our most careful and prompt personal attention, and every effort is made to maintain the high reputation of our old establishment.

W. D. HUDSON,

Dealer in

FANCY AND TOILET ARTICLES, PATENT MEDICINES, &c., &c.,

301 King st., Alexandria, Va.

Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours.

W. FRANKLIN CREIGHTON,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, PAINTS, OILS, DYE STUFFS, GARDEN SEED, &c., &c., &c.

No. 85 King street, (under Seaplane Hall), ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded. Orders will receive prompt attention.

mh 24-75

ESTABLISHED 1792.

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

DEALERS IN

PURE DRUGS AND MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS,

SPOICES, ACIDS, &c.,

Nos. 5 and 7 South Fairfax st., Alexandria, Va.

SAMUEL H. JANNEY. MARLON H. JANNEY.

JANNEY & CO.,

DEALERS IN

PURE DRUGS, LEWIS' WHITE LEAD, Paints, Oils and Varnishes, FRENCH WINDOW GLASS & PUTTY.

No. 145 King street.

Orders and Inquiries from the country promptly attended to.

sep 23-75

GUNS, CAPS, WADS, &c.—Just opened at

88 King street, Alexandria, Va., corner of Royal, an assortment of English Twist Shot Guns, of good quality, and at very low prices; also a Breech Loader, with all the fixtures, shells, &c. Musket Caps, Gun Wads, Flasks, Pouches, Belts, &c., to which we invite attention.

sep 22 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

RECEIVED THIS DAY BY STEAMER.

25 bbls No. 1 Split Labrador Herring.

25 bbls No. 3 Mackerel.

Also on hand Family Roe and No. 1 Potomac Herring. For sale by

JOHN SON & SHERWOOD,

17 N. E. cor. Cameron and Royal sts.

THORN'S INFALLIBLE OINTMENT

WILL CURE

ERYSIPELAS, SCROFULA, RING WORMS, BARBERS' ITCH,

Or any other eruption of the skin. Just received and for sale by

sep 19 WARFIELD & HALL.

FOUGERA'S READY MADE MUSTARD

PLASTERS.

Superior to common mustard plasters, always ready for immediate use, clean and not liable to change easily transported and pliable, so as to be applied to all surfaces. For sale by

WARFIELD & HALL,

aug 20 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

VERCOATINGS.

GLYNSIONS, BEAVERS,

MELTONS, And other styles.

IN A VARIETY OF COLORS.

Made to order in the latest styles cheap.

oct 7 D. F. WITMER CO.

SUGARS, TEAS AND COFFEES at lowest

prices. [oct 12] J. C. & E. MILBURN.

FISH, OYSTERS, &c.

WM. H. SMITH & CO'S.

NORFOLK OYSTER DEPOT,

NO. 43 KING STREET,

OFFICE: NO. 7 NORTH FAIRFAX ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA.

We have constantly on hand OYSTERS OF THE BEST QUALITY, from Norfolk and elsewhere, received FRESH BY STEAMERS EVERY DAY, and are prepared to furnish the trade at as LOW PRICES as any house in the city.

All orders entrusted to us shall receive prompt and careful attention.

oct 4 Packing House, 43 King st. Office, 7 North Fairfax street.

NICHOLAS WHITE & CO.,

NORFOLK OYSTER DEPOT,

NO. 621 B STREET, BET. 6th and 7th, N.W., (Opposite Baltimore and Potomac Depot) WASHINGTON, D. C.

Has constantly on hand OYSTERS, of the best quality, from Norfolk and elsewhere, received fresh every day by steamer and railroad.

Hotels, restaurants and families supplied by the quart, gallon, bushel or barrel at the cheapest market rates.

Washington, sep 20-3m

OYSTERS.

We keep constantly on hand the BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS.

All orders promptly attended to by the old established house of

J. H. McLEAN & CO.,

No. 77 Prince street, Opp. the Gazette office, Alexandria, Va.

sep 3-4m

ANDREW DELLA,

DEALER IN OYSTERS,

No. 23 South Royal street, Alexandria, Va.

OYSTERS received daily by steamer.

All orders promptly filled. Satisfaction guaranteed.

aug 31-3m

RECEIVED THIS DAY.

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Mackerel, new.

100 bbls Split Labrador Herring.

100 bbls Extra No. 1 Gibbed do.

100 bbls Round do.

500 boxes Smoked Herring.

100 kits No. 1 Moss Mackerel.

100 kits Nos. 2 and 3 do.

New Salmon, Cod, Hake and Halibut in store and for sale by

S. J. REED & CO.,

22 Union street.

REMOVAL.

S. J. REED

Announces to his friends and customers that he has removed his stock of POTOMAC SHAD and HERRINGS to NOS. 22 UNION ST. and 11 SOUTH WHARVES, where, in connection with his former fish business, he will keep constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of FISH.

Has now on hand 600 bbls different grades of Fish, consisting of GROSS and NET SHAD, MESS SHAD in kits, FAMILY ROE HERRING, barreled MACKEREL, MESS MACKEREL in kits, and SPLIT and ROUND HERRINGS, to which he invites the attention of the public.

The business will in future be conducted by S. J. REED and J. A. CUNNINGHAM.

July 12-75

JOB PRINTING.

The attention of the public is respectfully called to our facilities for the execution of all descriptions of Job Printing.

We have an extensive and varied assortment of all the latest styles of

JOB TYPE

and are constantly adding to our stock, from which we are prepared to print anything, from a visiting card up to a poster.

We guarantee satisfaction in every particular, and assure all who may entrust their orders with us that they will be executed promptly.

ORDERS FROM THE COUNTRY will receive special attention.

PRICES LOW.

Give us a call and examine specimens.

BAKER'S PREMIUM BITTERS, a per-

manent cure for Dyspeps